



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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June 3, 2009

Dear Industrial Stormwater General Permit Holder:

**The Draft Industrial Stormwater General Permit**

The Industrial Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit (ISWGP), issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) expired on April 30, 2009. Ecology is working to reissue another ISWGP as soon as possible. The draft ISWGP, fact sheet, and application form are available for review and public comment from **June 3, 2009 through July 15, 2009**.

**Purpose of the Permit**

Under federal and state water quality law (Federal Clean Water Act and State Water Pollution Control Act), a permit is required for the discharge of stormwater associated with industrial activities as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 40 CFR Subpart 122.26(b)(14)(i-xi, excluding x). The ISWGP provides coverage for over 1200 facilities in Washington State. Most facilities that discharge stormwater from industrial activity either directly or indirectly to surface water are required to obtain permit coverage for their discharge unless they apply for and receive a "no exposure" exemption.

**Applying for Coverage under the Permit**

Facilities that applied for coverage and are covered under the existing Industrial Stormwater General Permit will be automatically covered under the new permit. New or unpermitted facilities may obtain coverage under the general permit by submitting a complete permit application to Ecology and satisfying all applicable public notice and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements (chapter 173-226-200 WAC). The application is available online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/ecy02084.html>.

**Requesting Copies of the Permit**

You may download copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and application from the website:

[www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/industrial/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/industrial/index.html).

Or you may request copies from: Julie Robertson at (360) 407-6575 or by email at [jrob461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:jrob461@ecy.wa.gov).

**Submitting Written and Oral Comments**

Ecology is accepting written and oral comments on the draft ISWGP, fact sheet, and application. Comments should reference specific text when possible. Comments may address the technical issues, accuracy and completeness of information, the scope of facilities proposed for coverage, adequacy of environmental protection and permit conditions, or any other concern that would result from issuance of the revised permit.

**Ecology prefers comments be submitted by email to [industrialstormwatercomments@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:industrialstormwatercomments@ecy.wa.gov).**

Written comments must be postmarked or received via email no later than 5pm, July 15, 2009.

Submit written, hard copy comments to:

Jeff Killelea  
Department of Ecology  
PO Box 47600  
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You may also provide oral comments by testifying at the public hearing.



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### **Public Hearing and Workshops**

The public hearing and workshops on the draft general permit will be held at the locations below. The purpose of the hearing is to provide an opportunity for people to give formal oral testimony and comments on the draft permit. The purpose of the workshops is to explain the proposed changes to the new permit.

### **WORKSHOPS**

#### **June 19, 2009 (1 p.m.) - Vancouver**

Vancouver City Council Chambers, 210 East 13<sup>th</sup> St, Vancouver, WA (360) 487-8600

#### **June 24, 2009 (1 p.m.) - Moses Lake**

Moses Lake Fire Station, 701 E Third St, Moses Lake, WA (509) 765-2204

#### **June 26, 2009 (9 a.m.) - Mount Vernon**

PUD No. 1 of Skagit County, 1415 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon, WA (360) 424-7104

### **HEARING AND WORKSHOP**

#### **July 13, 2009 (1 p.m.) - Tacoma**

Pierce County Library System, Room C, 3005 112<sup>th</sup> St E, Tacoma, WA, (253) 536-6500

### **Issuing the Final Permit**

The final permit will be issued on October 21, 2009 after Ecology receives and considers all public comments. It will be effective January 1, 2010, and remain in effect for 5 years.

### **Questions**

If you have questions related to the administration of the permit, please contact your permit administrator:

- Contact: Josh Klimek at 360-407-7451 or [jok1461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:jok1461@ecy.wa.gov)  
For facilities in: City of Seattle, Kitsap, Pierce, or Thurston County
- Contact: Charles Gillman at 360-407-6437 or [chgi461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:chgi461@ecy.wa.gov)  
For facilities in: Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Skagit, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whatcom, or Whitman County
- Contact: Joyce Smith at 360-407-6858 or [josm461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:josm461@ecy.wa.gov)  
For facilities in: Benton, Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Douglas, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Okanogan, Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum, or Yakima County
- Contact: Clay Keown at 360-407-6048 or [ckeo461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ckeo461@ecy.wa.gov)  
For facilities in: Island, King, or San Juan County

Sincerely,



Bill Moore, P.E.

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